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'Going Green'



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Kent Dennis, resident of Jardine Apartments, follows his son Kaden, toward his residence in the newly remodeled Building D on Wednesday afternoon. Adding facilities to the first floor of Building 5 at Jardine is one of the projects K-State is working on to be more sustainable.

Additions to Jardine to be more eco-friendly

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

All around campus, K-State students can find recycling bins, helping them make the campus more environmentally friendly. Now, K-State is doing its part by seeking LEED certification in new construction projects around campus, including a new construction in the Jardine Apartment Complex.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a system that ensures buildings are constructed with specific green standards in mind. Created by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED standards can be anything from using recycled materials to build, installing more energy efficient systems or improving the quality of air inside a building. Each step taken gives a building a set amount of points, leading to different levels of LEED certification.

Building 5 at Jardine is one of the LEED projects K-State is working on. When completed, the lower floor will have a restaurant, a sports bar, a conve-

nience store and a coffee shop.

Skyler Harper, assistant director for the Department of Housing and Dining Services, said all of the facilities will be run by Housing and Dining Services. He said it is the first LEED project the department has done, and Housing and Dining will be tracking it to see how difficult and expensive it will be.

"We want to be more environmentally responsible; it seemed like a good project to try and do," Harper said.

Richard Bell, junior in computer engineering said he is looking forward to the new constructions.

"It's exciting to me; I'll be living in Jardine next year and I think it's a great idea," Bell said.

Bell also pointed out although he does not know if prospective students or the community in general will care that K-State followed the LEED concept, he is definitely

a supporter.
"It's a good thing to try," Bell

The building structure is finished with apartments on the second floor. Planners left the ground floor unfinished because they knew they would want to put some shops on the lower level.

Mark Taussig, associate director of facilities planning, said there are levels of LEED certification: certified, silver, gold and platinum. He said many consultants believe they will have enough points to attain a gold standard.

The construction will not be complete until May, but already K-State has taken steps to ensure it is on the path to certification. Energy efficiency is one of the standards the university is striving for. K-State will be installing energy-efficient heating and ventilation systems, lighting and kitchen equipment. Builders plan to use some of the flooring that was left over from the older Jardine apartments, recycled brick and

Construction is focusing on lowering water consumption, with updated irrigation systems

other recycled materials.

and equipment that requires lower levels of water. Taussig said K-State will be receiving points for waste handling as well. He said 90 percent of the waste is being recycled in some way or another.

The builders will also be using materials with low amounts of volatile organic compounds, or organic chemical compounds that can be toxic and harmful, to improve air quality. Taussig said he believes all the steps the university is taking will definitely make a difference for the residents.

"It pays off in quality of the environment within the space," Taussig said.

When it comes to boosting K-State's reputation as being an environmentally conscious school, Ben Champion, director of sustainability, said the project can only help.

"K-State hasn't always been a leader in these areas, but we're definitely paying a lot more attention in energy issues," Champion said. "We're working to that end, and our commitment is strong and firm."

POLICE REPORTS

Stranger offers girl ride in Jeep

Hannah Blick | COLLEGIAN

An unknown male offered a vehicle ride to a grade-school girl in Manhattan earlier this week, according to a news release from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred at 8:08 a.m. on Tuesday near Parker Drive and Casement Road, said RCPD Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr.

The girl was walking to school and was approached by a stranger in a dirty, white Jeep Laredo, according to the release. The Jeep was a more recent model. The suspect is described as a white man in his late 50s to early 60s who is clean shaven and short and has grayish-blond hair and glasses.

The stranger asked the student if she wanted a ride because it was cold outside, and the student said "No," and kept walking. The suspect continued to follow the student in his vehicle for a short distance and then drove north on Casement Road, according to the release. The suspect never got out of his vehicle.

Any information on the incident or the vehicle should be directed to the RCPD at 785-537-2112 or the Riley County Crime Stoppers at 785-539-7777.

WOMAN'S VEHICLE DAMAGED FROM KICKING

A Manhattan woman reported \$1,000 worth of damage to her vehicle earlier this week, according to a report from the RCPD.

The incident occurred sometime between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Tuesday at 2215 College Ave., Crosby said.

Sarah Weaver, 19, 2215 College Heights, Building F, Apt. 321, reported damage to her 2003 Ford Taurus. According to the report, the suspect kicked the driver's side front and rear doors, causing dents in the vehicle's exterior.

No arrests in the case have been made.

From the beginning of the semester, K-State has been involved in a national competition called "RecycleMania." K-State is competing in the Per Capita Classic with 305 other universities from across the nation. Here are the results of week four in a 10 week tally.

Unruh, Oliver for diversity, sustainability



COURTESY PHOTO

Danny Unruh (right) and **Annie Oliver** (left), both juniors, are running for student body president and vice president.

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

Danny Unruh and Annie Oliver have announced their campaign for student body president and vice president. Both senators have served in Student Senate for three years.

Unruh, junior in food science and industry and political science, said he is running for president to provide his service to the university since it has provided services for him. Oliver, junior in life sciences, said that as vice president, she wants K-State to maintain the practices that brought her to where she is today.

The pair's campaign is built on three beliefs, Unruh said.

"First, we believe in financial accountability," he said. "Everything that happens financially in Anderson Hall must be transparent."

He said that an Unruh/Oliver administration would be responsible with student privilege fees. These fees are incorporated into the tuition students pay and the senate al-

locates the funds for campus groups, activities and services.

"Danny and I want the students to know where their money is going and why it is going where it is going," Oliver said.

Another goal of the campaign is to create an enhanced classroom learning experience, Unruh said.

"We will focus on how K-State students like to learn," Unruh said. "The goal is to create an easy-to-understand message about what K-State students want to see in their classrooms, from multimedia use to in-class demonstrations."

The final component of the two's platform focuses on sustainability with three factors to focus on. Bringing K-State back into the top half of Big 12 universities is the first goal. Unruh said he believes the pair can do this by fixing minor issues that require minimal cost.

The campaign's goal of sustainability involves responsible decision making by Unruh and Oliver's administration on behalf of students' interests. Unruh said that the family atmosphere at K-State is something he and Oliver wish to maintain. Unruh and Oliver also hope to increase global diversity at K-State.

"Annie and I want a K-State degree to signify experience in diversity and the global world we live in," Unruh said. "Therefore, we will support diversity programming and the Office of Study Abroad."

Unruh and Oliver's campaign motto for the election is "Believing in You." Unruh said that if their administration does its job to give students the chance for success, K-State can be the best undergraduate experience in the Big 12.

"We liked this motto because, as students of K-State, we have been given the chance to engage in so much and to accomplish anything that we set our minds to," Oliver said. "K-State has believed in us and we believe in K-State too."

To view the campaign's site, go to *dannyandannie.org*.

WEEK 4 WEIGHTS:

Cardboard 6,590 pounds
Mixed paper 5,330 pounds
Newspaper 3,440 pounds
Mag/Phonebook 1,940 pounds
Plastic 415 pounds
Aluminum 167 pounds
Food waste composted 1,060 pounds

Total weight of solid waste for the week 103,102 pounds

Total weight recycled 17,882 pounds

Percentage recycled (a 2% increase from last week)

Per Capita Classic rankings thus far:

Per Capita Classic rankings thus far 1. Virginia Military Institute 2. Colorado College

3. Rider University4. California State University - San Marcos5. Westfield State College

237. University of Kansas 238. Kansas State University

Weight totals provided by **Joe Myers**, physical plant supervisor, Division of Facilities. Ranking information found at: *RecycleManiacs.org*.

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Withholding Information | By Erin Logan



DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

TUESDAY

Terrence Francis O'Neill, 252 Goodnow Hall, was arrested at 8:12 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Matthew Jaymes Gutierrez, Redding Kan., was arrested at 12:15 p.m. for theft. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Crystal Ann Johnson, St. George Kan., was arrested at 1 p.m. for possession of opiates, unlawful possession of a hallucinogen and use or possession of paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Crystal Ann Johnson, St. George Kan., was arrested at 2:28 p.m. for two counts of probation violation. Bond was set at \$671.28.

Larry Maurice Jones, 514 Fremont St. was arrested at 7:18 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.



There was an error in the Feb. 17 Collegian. legian regrets the error. If you see something

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THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Sensible Nutrition and Body Image Choices will present the following events for Eating Disorder Awareness Week. The theme is "It's Time to Talk About it: Everyone can do ... Just one Thing!"

-"America the Beautiful" documentary film will be shown Monday in the Little Theatre in the Union at 6 p.m. -Yoga for Better Body Image will be held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Peters Recreation Complex. Open to K-State students and Rec faculty members. Call 785-532-6980 to reserve your spot.

-A discussion titled, "The Relationship Between Exercise and Body Image: Harmful or Helpful?" with keynote speaker Dr. Beth Fallon, will be Feb. 25 in the Flint Hills Room in the Union at 6 p.m.

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, Office of Mediated Education and Information Technology Assistant Center is offering the Instructional Design and Technology Roundtable: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 minutes and 40 seconds, add 20 slides and Welcome to the World of Pecha Kucha. Come join us 11 a.m - 12:30

Information Technology Teaching and Learning will offer the following sessions:

p.m. on Feb. 25 in Union 212.

March 25 - A Sense of Where We Are: Geographic Information Science and Systems

Ápril 22 - Show ME, Don't Tell ME. All events are from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in K-State Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-med honor society, will be hosting Dr. Laki Evangelidis. He will speak on topics concerning his schooling, the practice of medicine and any questions attendees may have. The event will be today at 6:30 in the Union Room 207 The event is one to the public.

The K-State Karate Club is accepting new members. Open enrollment closes Saturday. For more informa-

tion and to reserve your spot contact Charlene Anspaugh 785-494-2111, Maureen Kerrigan 785-341-7828 or info@ksukarate.org.

The Geology seminar will be from 4-5 p.m. on Feb. 23 in Thompson Room 213. Dr. Deon Van Der Merwe will give a talk entitled "Adverse Health Effects in Canada

Geese Associated with Mining

Information Technology Assistance Center will be presenting the following orientations. The events are open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration required.

Waste in the Tri-State Mining Area."

-IT Orientation: Computing at K-State will be held from 2 - 3 p.m. Feb. 23 in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Library Technology will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. March 4 in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. March 10 in Hale Library room 401B.

Rec Services is offering a Spring Break Shape Up program designed for two individuals to workout together with a Wildcat personal trainer twice a week for three weeks. The program begins today and is limited to the first 30 pairs who sign up. Cost is \$45 per person. Only K-State students and Peters Recreation Complex members can participate. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Women on Weights will be held Saturday from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at Peters Recreation Complex. This program is free. Sign up in the Rec office or by calling 785-532-6980.

Sign up for intramural whiffleball by 5 p.m. today in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. Sign up a four-person team with up to 10 individuals on a roster The cos is \$1.08 per person. Competition will be tournament format held Feb. 20, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information and entry forms, go to recservices.k-state.edu.

Applications for National Student Exchange for fall 2010 and spring 2011 are due by March 1. For more information, contact Kari Nap in the Office of Admissions at karinap@k-state.edu or go to

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and held in 501 Hale Library except for Feb. 25 session, which will be held in 301A Hale.

-Today - Time to Talk - This presentation focuses on new Web 2.0 tools.

-Feb. 25 - Uses of WordPress -March 4 - Twitter Tools -March 11 - Zimbra Calendar -March 25 - Google Wave

Rec Services' personal trainers present a series of free workshops called Muscle Focus from 2 - 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Each workshop targets a different muscle group. Sign up for these free workshops at the weight room attendant desk. Saturday will focus on chest and abdominals. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Mortar Board Inc. is accepting applications. Access the application at k-state.edu/mortarboard and submit to 107 Leadership Studies Building, second-floor reception area by Friday. Mortar Board members will be available in the Union today to answer questions and celebrate National Mortar Board Week (Feb. 15-19).

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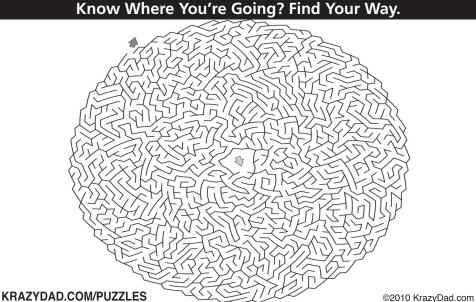
Blue Key Senior Honorary applications are due Friday, 2-19-10 by NOON to SLS 218.

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AJ's large slices, packed toppings leave customers full

"AJ's Pizzeria" ***

Restaurant review by Aaron Weiser

This week my tasty travels took me to AJ's New York Pizzeria – a self-touted pizzeria featuring only the finest ingredients, secret recipes from the Big Apple itself and true New Yorker flair.

Claims can only go so far, so it was time to sit down and settle the score for real. Among the many pizza choices in Manhattan, there are a select few worthy of review. The choice was difficult between the top two, but with a new location and a louder voice, I chose the young gun and headed to Poyntz Avenue.

The first attempt took me on Tuesday night toward a new establishment from AJ's, down on 11th Street just next to Dara's. After two phone calls to the main AJ's because the new phone number is not listed, I inquired as to the times and days the new restaurant was open. Twice, I was informed incorrectly, which took me to a closed restaurant and a really sad stomach come Tuesday night.

Later, on a lunch hour I had another chance to grab some of the craved pizza and finally got in. Across from the Town Center Mall, AJ's has a prime location for keeping a crowd around. With windows from wall to wall



Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN AJ's New York Pizzeria, located at 301 Poyntz Ave., features decorations relating to the Big Apple, including a taxi cab and street signs.

and a great pizzeria attitude, this charming little location is abuzz. Whether full of customers or not, the shop has an

air about it.

With appropriate taxi cab and Italian decorations, it screams, "Eat pizza, fool!" So that's exactly what we did.

A word of caution to the wise - sizes are a bit overboard at AJ's. A piece of pizza takes up a normal size plate, which is probably why the restaurant serves its pieces on pizza pans. With two pieces making a frozen pizza look like an appetizer, AJ's aims to please your appetite. When it comes to ordering, there are literally more options than I can tell you about. Customize it, build your own, order a specialty or just a single topping – you can have it all.

I stuck as close as I could to traditional with my first choice and ordered a Big Apple pizza slice. The employees give you a nice street sign, straight from NYC of course, to mark your order and later they deliver everything right to you.

Now, this slice of pie was boasting more meat than a true Kansan can really expect to take down on one plate, plus a host of veggies to make any supreme pizza lover happy. The promise was true. Bigger than my face and heavy enough to fold over these pies are not for the faint of heart.

Where this restaurant really stakes its claim is in the crust, and it is not lying. The glorious dough, according to its history, has been developed with help from Tom Lehmann and the AIB International Institute, both of Manhattan. If nothing else about this pie makes you salivate, the terrifically thin, yet not crunchy crust should

please the palate.

I was disappointed though when I took my pizza apart like a dissection in biology class. The pizza sauce leaves something to be desired. A delicious recipe, perhaps, but it was hard to say because there was so much going on with the pie, the sauce disappears.

The second piece of pizza and my favorite is the BBQ Chicken Pie. With a load of juicy grilled chicken breast, mozzarella and cheddar cheese, this pie knocks out your taste buds with a one-two combo. But the credit goes not to the pizza itself, but the sauce on this delicious combination. The barbecue-style pizza sauce is out of this world. A tasty combination of Italian and southern pizzazz makes this a rocking way to enjoy the meal.

The restaurant's pies are above par, and the venue is a fun place to be. So with a host of options and a really cozy location, AJ's NY Pizzeria is a good idea for any night of the week. Be wary of or-dering, and know that prices can be a bit higher than nationally-spanning competitors, but the experience is worth it in the end. Take a handful of friends if you want to knock out a whole pizza, or be daring if you will, but know that leaving hungry is probably not in vour future.

Aaron Weiser is a senior in economics. Send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.

Old-fashioned duo delights with Vaudevillian swing style



The Two Man Gentlemen Band, a duo from New York City, played to a large crowd of superheroes, villainous vixens and masked marauders Tuesday night at Auntie Mae's Parlor. The bar sponsored a concert for the band, as well as a superhero-themed party for Mardi Gras.

It is hard to imagine a band that might have been more at home in the former speakeasy. More than the artist's starched suits or the bassist's tilted top hat, it is the band's music, which dates back as far as the days when Mae's served bootlegged gin. The Two Man Gentlemen Band's style and sound is perhaps as old school as possible without venturing into musical types predating recorded music.

"We like to call it Vaudevillian swing," said Andy Bean, the band's guitarist. "We've got some jazzier elements, but also it's sort

of a spectacle."

Bean plays four-string guitar, an antique instrument that is virtually unseen in contemporary music. Fuller Condon, the second member of the duo, plays stand-up bass, an instrument that he was quick to point out "plays the lower notes."

Both members contribute vocals and the occasional kazoo solo, an instrument whose appearance in the band's music is almost as surprising as Bean's choice in guitars.

Despite playing antique instruments in a genre that has been all but extinct for close to 80 years, The Two Man Gentlemen Band's music feels far from outdated. While the duo's greatest influences have been dead for the better part of half a century, the songs and lyrics are fresh, new and entirely original. Songs range from odes to mini vans, to women whose measurements are prime numbers (because they are only divisible by one, and that one's going to be one of them). The lyrics are comedic, playful and entirely enjoyable.

"I like the period of music they represent from the early 20th century, how they mix that with being very comedic," said Matt Riffle of Abilene. "They do a very good job of transcending that and providing a new spin

Just three years ago, The Two Man Gentlemen Band was playing for tips on street corners and in subway stations. One aspect of the band's performance that seems to have carried over from its early days is its understanding of the importance of crowd involvement. Throughout the show, the duo made a point of involving the audience, conversing with the crowd between and even in the middle of songs.

At one point, after some light-hearted scatting, Bean said "What the f*** are you laughing at, we're making jazz here," and cracked a wide grin to an audience member who was chuckling with a buddy. During a song titled "William Howard Taft," the band succeeded in what one might expect to happen only in a history professor's dream; getting an entire crowd to scream the president's name as it sang about him getting stuck in the White House bathtub.

The band's ability to involve and entertain a crowd seemed to pay off, as most those in attendance, none of whom likely spend their days listening to old jazz records or Vaudeville swing, said they found the performance fun and enjoyable.

Catherine Grace Stewart, sophomore in

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band recently released its fifth album.

Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN The Two Man Gentleman Band plays during the judging of the super hero/villain costume contest on Tuesday at Auntie Mae's Parlor. The

Student fuses biological family, sorority on sibling's day



I have noticed that often all it takes to feel thankful in life is to simply be reminded of what I have. On Saturday, at the Sigma Kappa Sibling's Day Cupid's Carnival, I had the wonderful opportunity of meshing my two families – my biological family and my sorority sisterhood. My brother, Clay, ventured down from Lawrence to join the fun

and my sister, Britney, sacrificed time away from her never-ending architecture studio work to share this special day.

The fun began at 11 in the morning with a much-needed trip to Starbucks, where I successfully convinced Clay and Britney that white chocolate mochas are indeed the most delicious coffee drink in the uni-

After we filled ourselves with caffeine, we arrived at the Sigma Kappa sorority house at noon. The structured activities did not begin for another hour, so we did what any set of siblings does when with free time – we took pictures in our awesome matching sibling's day T-shirts. I was particularly excited to take a

picture with my siblings on the grand staircase, because I envisioned how excellent it would look and how much my mother would enjoy it. I asked a trusted friend of mine to be our photographer as Britney, Clay and I posed on the staircase. After my friend snapped the picture, I was anxious to see the turnout.

Just then, my friend slyly said, "Oh, that is just great."

After I gave her a curious look, she continued with a smile, "Britney did just what any sibling would do.'

As I glanced at the review screen on my camera, I witnessed the display of Clay's grin, my smile and Britney giving Clay

and I the age-old bunny ears. Before the activities began, we were able to meet and talk with a diverse array of siblings, ranging in age from 3 to 30. Not to worry though, sorority members without brothers or sisters or whose siblings could not attend, felt more than welcome to bring along a close friend.

My friend Kaitlyn, for example, welcomed one of her best friends from Alpha Xi Delta sorority to the sibling's day fun. After a delicious luncheon and entertainment from a Sigma Kappa named Lisa along with the K-State Tap Ensemble, the Cupid's Carnival was ready to kick off.

The carnival featured about 10 riveting games each set up in a different room in the house. Most popular games included the Cake Walk, Balloon Pop and

Ducks in a Pond. Sigma Kappas volunteered to lead the games, hand out tickets to winners and keep the environment exciting. I admired Amber's enthusiastic and creative rendition to Ducks in a Pond, which left confused participants doubled over in laughter. Another member named Samm created a more remarkable Cake Walk by offering participants a high-five each lap around the circle.

At the end of the day, I walked away with a stronger bond with my siblings, a cake, large amounts of sugar and lollipops and an inevitable appreciation for my fellow Sigma Kappas.

Jamie Weiser is a sophomore in life sciences. Send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.



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Illustrated by Erin Logan

K-State behind KU in sustainability, needs to improve



K-State recently put up two buildings for LEED certification. LEED, according to the U.S. Green Building Council's Web site, is an internationally recognized green building certification system that stands for Leadership in Ener-

gy and Environmental Design. This provides a great step in the right direction for the university, but we are a

long way from what we could do. The buildings in question are the new Leadership Studies facility on Mid Campus Drive, and the first floor of Building

5 of Jardine Apartments. The new buildings on campus feature many innovative sustainability efforts, especially compared to the previous techniques implemented by the university.

One capacity of the LEED certification program was actualized during the construction process. These methods include using recycled materials, recycling a certain amount of waste materials accumulated during the construction process and utilizing daylighting, which takes advantage of natural instead of artificial light.

Other methods include, but are not limited to, recycling bins placed around the buildings for all types of recyclable materials, bike racks for 5 percent of the occupancy and educational tools available to the public for more efficient use of the available resources. These techniques are easily propagated throughout the rest of campus as they are apparatuses that can come after construction.

According to K-State's recycling Web site, in 2007, total recycled materials on campus weighed more than 330 tons. This means we have some structure in place and we have a great jumping-off point, but we can do more. The University of Kansas recycled more than 542 tons of material in 2007, according to the KU Facilities Operations' Web site. We are the land grant university; we should care more about recycling than

We shouldn't just shoot for a sufficient recycling service but for a program that can challenge the amount of waste created every year by the university. This means having as many recycling bins on campus as trash cans and increasing awareness on campus for such struc-

"Infrastructure design and construction, management processes for operating and maintaining campus and personal behaviors are all equal in impor-

Champion, director of sustainability. He also stressed the importance of educational tools to teach people how to use these new resources.

With a system such as Champion's in place comes advertising and outreach programs to help inform students about the educational tools. This can only lead to better press for the university, ultimately improving our reputation among other universities

According to the K-State sustainability Web site, at least 17 professors and groups are currently working on sustainability-related work. We have the resources at hand to really make a difference, what we need to do is bring those resources to the limelight and start utilizing them to our fullest potential.

> Drew Morris is a senior in journalism and mass communications. Send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Use of planet's resources affects future of agriculture, entire world



Dear Wildcats,

"There are more than 852 million people today who go to bed unsure of their next meal, half of them are children," said James T. Morris, executive director of the United Nations World Food Program. "The World Health Organization describes hunger as the world's No. 1 public health threat, killing more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

"Few people know that 25,000 people, 18,000 of them children, die each day of hunger and related ailments. That's one person dead because of hunger and malnutrition every four seconds 365 days a year. At that rate, the entire population of Wyoming would be wiped out in just three weeks."

Do these statistics make you concerned? If so, join me in attending the College of Veterinary Medicine's open discussion and presentation regarding global agriculture at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Dr. Upson will discuss and present on the topic of "Efficient Use of Earth's Resources: Providing Food for the World's People." The presentation will be held at Frick Auditorium at the College of

Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Upson is one of K-State's most respected expert veterinarians. With more than 50 years of service at K-State, Dr. Upson's presentation is much

This past year there have been numerous discussions and forums related to agriculture and natural resources on campus. You might recall the heated debate of the healthiness of milk, printed in the Collegian last semester. Or rather, the presentation by Dr. Vandana Shiva, a world renowned expert on sustainability of agriculture. Both of these showcase that K-State students have opinions on the issue and that they are concerned about the future of agriculture and food produc-

Dr. Upson's presentation will allow for an open discussion on major issues facing our society today. With the task of feeding the world, there are challenges that are sure to arise. If you are interested in these issues or have questions you would like answered, I encourage you to attend the lec-

This is a great opportunity to expand your horizons. The production of food is something that we, as American citizens, should all be concerned about. Feeding the world is an important, if not necessary, issue facing today's American agricul-

If you have any further questions about the lecture, please feel free to contact me at dhenry@ksu. edu. See you there.

> **Dalton Henry** STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Justice also quality of God

Dear Editor,

For those who base an argument on the Christian God being a god of love, I encourage you to examine his other attributes as well. God is perfect, so you will find that a given attribute, such as love, exists in perfect balance to other attributes, such as grace, mercy and justice.

Study God's reaction to Adam and Eve after they both ate from a lovely and, presumably delicious, piece of fruit. That God told them not to eat. Surely a loving God would not get so serious about a piece of fruit? Sin is action or inaction that violates the nature of God's character.

The Christian God considered sin so serious that he allowed himself, the most precious being in the universe, to experience death on a cross to satisfy his own need for justice to be served.

He did this out of love so that people who acknowledge him as their savior might be made acceptable to God because God cannot tolerate sin. God is love but remember that he has other attributes as well.

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Speed dating shares culture | Drummer brings African influence

Jennifer Heeke | COLLEGIAN

Students got the chance to share their culture and dating tips on Wednesday night through the Cultural Integration

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association hosted a dinner and discussion between International and American students in the K-State Student Union. The night consisted of Panda Express, open discussion on relationships and a speed dating session.

Students discussed the differences between Chinese and American culture on topics such as dating, marriage and love. Students gathered at tables with discussion questions. While the discussion started out slow, the students finally relaxed and started sharing personal stories.

"In Kansas there isn't a lot of cultural diversity so this was a good way to talk to people with different perspectives on dating and relationships," said Jamie Lyman, junior in philosophy.

Professor Wei Wu set up the event so students from both cultures could share their experiences in dating and learn more about each other's culture. The event gave the Chinese students a chance to interact with American students in a more relaxed

"Relationships are not an issue with culture; it's an issue of the human race," said Wu, director of K-State's Chinese lan-

After the discussion, participants were asked to share the most surprising thing they learned from each culture. The biggest difference was the dating stage is completely skipped in China and emphasized in America. In China, people are considered friends and not in relationships.

"I've learned many things, in China if you get caught holding hands in school, you can get kicked out of school," said Adam Tank, senior in microbiology.

Students realized there is not much difference between the two cultures, as far as relationships go. As the discussion got more away from the outlined questions, students started laughing and sharing more about the less formal dating rituals in each culture. Many students discussed Facebook.com and how it has become the standard to be "Facebook official" when dating in America.

In America there are three stages to relationships - meeting, dating and marriage - but in China there are only two meeting and marriage.

The last event of the night was a speed dating round. The men went from table to table and talked to each woman for four minutes. The speed dating was more for learning dating techniques in America and less about actually getting a date. Participants were encouraged to exchange information and continue to talk and learn after the event ended

Obama affecting children's books

Hannah Loftus | COLLEGIAN

The president's influence on the country is evident. However, beside legislation and international policy President Barack Obama is also affecting another area - children's books.

Professor Phil Nel, director of the English department's program in children's literature, presented the idea Tuesday of "Obamafiction," which is the idea of books that carry hope for youth and create a hero for children in the U.S.

Nel gave a lecture Tuesday as part of the English department's spring Colloquia Series. His topic was picture books geared toward youth because of President Obama. Nel said children's books were inspired by Obama's political breakthroughs, created to encourage reader identification with him and to provide support for him.

"It was a stimulating presentation, with a fascinating insight into those critical points that politics and children's literature meet," said Taraneh Matloob, graduate student in children's literature. "Particularly, his argument on contrasts between idealism and realism was very interesting?

Supply and demand for these kinds of books, which are put out by major companies, plays a role, Nel said. Surprisingly, few of these books were created for former president George W. Bush, he said.

"America has resolved its racial troubles; you can be anything you want to be if you just try hard enough was the recurring theme for most of the books," Nel said, "Literature has a powerful influence on young minds; some of them could find the books compelling, while others could reject them."

DUO Newer band deserves national attention

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chemistry, said she enjoyed the band's music and lyrics. Stewart particular enjoyed "Prime Numbers," and how the band sang all the factors of 36.

For those who could not make it to the performance, the band also recently released its fifth album "The Two Man Gentlemen Band: Live in New York." The album offers everything that makes seeing the band so enjoyable. At times, the album feels as much like a conversation or a comedy routine as recorded music – creating a listening experience reminiscent of classic Arlo

Guthrie albums.

Since the band's beginning just a few short years ago it has attracted the attention of such notable musicians as Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson, for whom it opened a show last summer.

Eric Shumaker, senior in psychology, said he thought the performance was very good, and the band was "what's up."

And as the band continues to tour nationwide, people everywhere are beginning to realize The Two Man Gentlemen Band is truly "what's up."

> Eli B Neal is a junior in English. Please send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.



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An African xylophonist and drummer from Ghana brought music and dance to K-State in an interactive, energetic cultural experience Tuesday afternoon.

Bernard Woma, African xylophonist and lead drummer of the National Dance Company of Ghana, along with Evelyn Yaa Bekyore, a dancer from Woma's troupe, held a combination performance and lecture in Nichols Theatre.

"There's something about Bernard's spirit that includes everyone," said Julie L. Pentz, assistant professor and director of the K-State dance program.

Sharing experiences together is the African way to learn, Woma said. K-State students also participated in the performance, dancing in two numbers. The audience engaged in clapping, movements and call and responses. Woma also encouraged everyone to join the dancing.

"Bad dancing will never kill the ground," he said.

"It was really exciting to be able to interact the way we did," said Kelsey Furnell, sophomore in dance, who attended the performance for her advanced acting class. "I thought the performance was exhilarating."

Woma took the stage drumming and singing along with Neil Dunn, instructor in the communications studies, theatre and dance department, while Bekyore performed a West African social dance, alternating between fluid movements and sharp pulsations.

The men wore African smocks called batakaris in Ghana, and Bekyore danced in colorful prints, a head wrap and bare feet. Both the dancing and the music are

"social and celebratory," Dunn said. "It's all about the community and having fun." Woma performed on an African xylophone called a gyil, a traditionally therapeu-

tic instrument in Ghana that "brings out the happiness and joy" in people, Woma said. The gyil is made of wood and played

with mallets. It produces a sound similar to a marimba with an added buzzing effect that comes from spider egg sacs suspended inside the resonators, Woma said. "A gyil that doesn't buzz isn't a good one."

Woma's 86-year-old gyil belonged to his grandfather and a lifelong companion.

"I came out of my mother's womb like this," he said, holding up both fists and imitating gripping gyil mallets. He grew up playing it and never took any formal lessons, he said.

Woma played with a skilled dexterity as his mallets blurred. In a call and response fashion, Woma sang with the gyil and sometimes mimicked its sounds, almost indistinguishably from the instrument

"When I start playing, I don't want to stop because that's my life," he said.

Woma interspersed musical and cul-

tural education with his performances. Instruments are the "historians of their communities, the library books, the Google search," he said.

Woma introduced and demonstrated the luna, or the "talking drum", which changes pitch by squeezing the sides, causing it to "speak" different languages and carry messages across communities, Woma said. "If I want to speak your language... he trailed off as he began to play "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

He also played the gungong, the ancestor of the snare drum, which is used to support chiefs and kings in Africa.

The 10 K-State students who danced in the program performed choreography they learned in a master class with Woma and Bekyore on Monday. They danced to the drum beats of Woma and Dunn with K-State student Dean Linton playing a bell called a gangkogui.

Karen Edwards, freshman in open option, participated in a master class and danced in Woma's performance.

"It was a very hands-on learning experience," she said. "It is not as much about technique as it is about imitation."

The final piece, performed by all, was Woma's energetic, original composition titled, "Gyil Nyog Me Na." Woma is the founder and director of

the Dagara Music and Art Center in Ghana, a school that teaches traditional African music, dance and art. He is also the artistic director of the Saakumu Dance Troupe. Bekyore has danced in his troupe for 14 years.

Woma travels the world performing and teaching during the school year and returns to Ghana to teach at his school in the summers. He said that every culture is full of values that are projected through music and dance.

"They are very central to our educational system," he said.

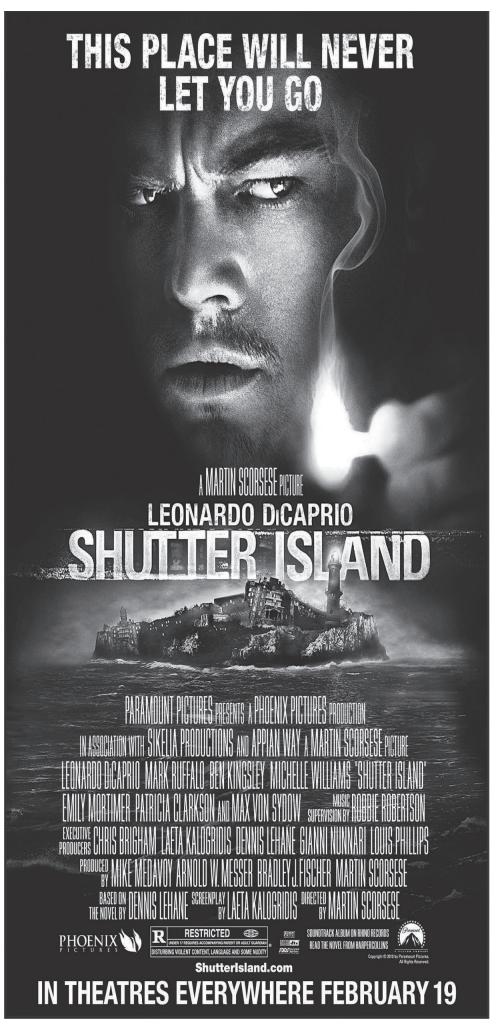
This is Woma's second year to visit K-State, and he has helped Dunn establish the K-State African Ensemble.

Dunn said that Woma's visit was valuable, especially to the K-State African En-

"I can only pass on what he's taught me," he said. "It is even more powerful when it comes from him."

Woma and Bekyore taught master classes during the week through K-State's dance department, and they are scheduled to teach two classes Thursday in Nichols Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The sessions are free and open to the public. The visitors are also scheduled to teach and perform for the students of Wamego Middle School at the Wamego Fine Arts Fair, Pentz said.

Woma's visit was sponsored by K-State's Student Governing Association, the Department of Communications Studies, Theatre and Dance and the student-led organization KanDance.



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Hanging on

Wildcats survive

sports

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

After beating Nebraska by 19 points in Lincoln, the Wildcats pulled out a 91-87 nail-biter last night in Bram-lage Coliseum. A large disparity on the scoreboard did not develop until 10 minutes into the second half, and even then the Wildcats did not put the Huskers away until the fi-nal seconds of regulation.

"I told you their teams are not going to lay down now," coach Frank Martin said. "Doc Sadler hasn't won as many games and as many championships as he has in his career because his teams lay down."

K-State entered the game on a three-game win streak that included road wins over Iowa State and, as mentioned earlier, Nebraska. The Huskers had lost four in a row prior to facing K-State. The losses included a two-point defeat by Baylor on Nebraska's home court and a 40-point thrashing by Texas in Austin.

The game remained close throughout the first half. K-State did not play that poorly, but a plethora of good passes – including 17 assists helped the Huskers shoot 63.6 percent from the floor in the opening period.

Some of the highlights from this offensive explosion included serial quick-release shots by freshman guard Eshaunte Jones, senior guard Sek Henry, and junior guard Lance Jeter, as well as consecutive midrange jumpers off the glass by senior guard Ryan Anderson, who led the Huskers with 22 points. Also, the Huskers shot 8-of-9 from the free throw line in the first half. They would continue their lights-out shooting in the game and tally 14-of-21 3-pointers.

"We played bad defense," junior guard Jacob Pullen, who had 18 points and six assists, said. "It was atrocious. I think that was the worst defense we played all year. When you let Nebraska get in a rhythm like they did tonight then you know it's going to be a long night."

The Huskers led by 10 points with eight minutes remaining in the first half, but the Wildcats got 3-pointers by junior forward Dominique Sutton and senior guard Denis Clemente, who had 21 points. The points energized the crowd, and not long after that, Pullen scored eight points in a row to bring K-State to within one point with under a minute remaining. As the halftime horn sounded, K-State entered the locker room down 39-40.

To begin the second half, Nebraska went on an 11-2 run. K-State finally rallied, however, when Sutton made two 3-pointers and then drew a foul while driving to the



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Dominique Sutton, forward for the K-State men's basketball team, dunks during the second half of the game against Nebraska Wednesday night. Sutton shot 100 percent on his 3-point field goals, scoring three, giving him a total 21 points and nine rebounds. "I had confidence," Sutton said.

basket. He shot 100 percent from beyond the arc for the game, making three 3-pointers – his first of the season - on his way to amassing 21 points and nine rebounds.

"I had confidence," Sutton said. "It was something I had been working on all summer. When I went to Europe, it was something I worked on

The Wildcats continued to be physical and aggressive inside, drawing three fouls on one possession and eventually tallying 40 attempts from the line. Even more impressively, they converted on 32 of those.

As K-State drew within three, sophomore forward Jamar Samuels and freshman forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts began to gesture for the fans to get into the game, and the crowd responded with roaring enthusiasm and a standing ovation. On the next possession, Clemente drained a 3-pointer to tie the game at 51-51. Right after that, Nebraska coach Doc Sadler got a technical foul, and Clemente made both free throws to give K-State its first lead since the score was 14-11 K-State in the first half.

A 15-0 run for the Wildcats meant a 57-51 scoreboard with 11:05 on the clock, and a first glance at the possibility of breaking the game wide open. K-State continued to find the rim, and Nebraska did too, but unlike the first half, the Wildcats went on a run and maintained their lead by finding ways to get to the free-throw line, making shots and containing the Nebraska offense. The Wildcats also attacked the basket and found success there, scoring 30 points in the paint and grabbing 12 offensive rebounds. By the final media timeout, the Wildcats had their first double-digit lead of the game

and were ahead 75-65. "If you look at the percentage of how many they made off those 12 rebounds, I'm pretty sure they scored at least 60 percent off of layups, or we fouled them and put them at the line and they made free throws," Anderson said. "Their offensive rebounding is their offense. Their second shots are part of what they do."

The Wildcats led by nine points with under a minute to go, but the Huskers refused to go away. They drained three 3-pointers in a row to tie the game at 87-87.

But with 25 seconds left, senior Chris Merriewether made two free throws, and Pullen got a steal and hit Clemente whose layup sealed the four-point victory.

Late drive from Texas claims game

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

K-State went to Texas last Saturday and returned with a loss to Texas A&M. This time, the team did the exact same thing but at the hands of the No. 14 Texas Longhorns.

Texas (18-6, 8-3 Big 12 Conference) downed K-State (12-13, 4-7) with a 13-point run with less than five minutes left in the second half to claim the game 62-41.

The first half saw low scoring until a minor resurgence about 11 minutes in. Junior forward Jalana Childs put up six points to narrowly concede the half to the Longhorns 18-21. Texas kicked off the second half with a short run, which K-State replicated to pull within a point of Texas at 34-35. A belated succession of points from the Longhorns quieted a small effort on K-State's side to achieve insurmountable dominance.

For K-State, freshman guard Brittany Chambers recorded 11 points and two rebounds. Childs and senior forward Ashley Sweat each had nine points, with Childs finding seven rebounds and making more than one-out-of-three baskets. The team had another night of poor shooting, hitting one in four

Junior guard Kathleen Nash led the Longhorns - and the game - with 22 points, making eight of her 11 field goals and grabbing

Chambers wasted no time in the game,

hitting a basket in less than 30 seconds. Texas quickly answered and the battle ensued.

The teams traded points with K-State taking a narrow advantage. With about seven minutes left in the first half, Nash sunk a 3-pointer to give her team favor 15-12. Both teams put up a few more points to send them to the locker rooms with the score set at 21-16 Texas.

Nash, the expected top performer, had already scored one field goal for every two taken and both of her 3-pointers to net eight points. Only one other starter had scored a single point. For the Wildcats, Childs led her team with six points behind nearly 50 percent

Both teams made a fierce re-entry from halftime; Texas' Nash made two points in 11 seconds, and K-State's senior guard Kari Kincaid returned fire with a 3-pointer moments later. From there, Texas made a 10-0 run to pull ahead 33-21. The Wildcats responded with their own run of 11 points, preceding a slight gap in action. Halfway through, Nash and senior guard Brittainey Raven each scored two baskets to give the Longhorns a 45-34 lead. Texas continued its drive and surged ahead to win the game.

The Wildcats return to their stomping grounds for a week of home games. They will play host to No. 11 Oklahoma at 2 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum this Sunday for the Pink Zone game, which promotes breast cancer awareness.



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN K-State guard **Brittany Chambers** shoots a 3-pointer during the second half of the Nov. 5 game in Bramlage Coliseum. She scored 11 points and had two rebounds in the Wednesday loss to No. 14 Texas Longhorns

NASCAR deserves attention



Last weekend marked the 52nd running of the Daytona 500 and the beginning of a new racing season. And although my driver wrecked due to a newly issued rule, I couldn't be happier that NASCAR is starting up again. A brand new season of bump-drafting, checking up, pole positions and undoubtedly, wrecks.

Now every Sunday until December, I will happily watch each race, yelling at the television when a Busch brother causes a wreck, and drink beer from a can with my favorite driver's face on it. (I like to think that's what our forefathers had in mind when they coined the phrase "in the pursuit of happiness.")

Ever since I started watching NASCAR – roughly six years ago – I have been fascinated. The roaring motors; I could only imagine how magnificent they must sound in real life. Two years later, when I went to my first race, I accepted the ear ringing gladly and scrubbed rubber off my face with pride. I was hooked. Of course it took me awhile to understand strategies and terminology, but with the help of Darrell Waltrip and Digger, Fox's cartoon gopher, I caught on fairly quickly.

While any typical football game features only two teams, each NASCAR race showcases 43 different drivers, offering many more opportunities for rivalries - which, good or bad, is interesting. NASCAR is not only a competition of who is a better driver; pit crews and mechanics are also a huge factor. The mechanics put cars together within strict regulations, all while trying to make the cars as fast as possible, and pit crews can change four tires and fill 18-gallon gas tanks in

about 12 seconds. My only complaint about the sport is the rapid rate at which drivers shift teams and sponsors. About the time I have new names and numbers memorized, they take on another contract-trading frenzy, forcing me to start all over.

Since my first live race, I've watched the sport go through many changes: Toyota joining, the Car of Tomorrow and numerous Indv car drivers making the switch to stock. But despite all of these changes, one thing has remained constant: even though NASCAR is one of the country's highest grossing sports, it fails to receive the recognition it deserves.

Sure, it started during Prohibition when bootleggers needed fast cars to outmaneuver the police. And there are many stereotypes surrounding the sport, many of which depict unruly, mullet-clad hillbillies who support their favorite drivers. And movies like "Talladega Nights" don't help the cause, promoting slogans such as "If you ain't first, you're last." But what's more American than combining competition, motors and beer?

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New online photo service produces revenue for K-State

Joel Pruett | COLLEGIAN

Although photographers have a number of choices in online photo storage and print services, a percentage of the profits from one new company is going to K-State.

Brook Peterson, chief executive officer of Bravo Photo, said his company opened Powercatphoto.com in October 2009.

We are officially licensed with Kansas State University to use their marks and colors on different ... photo product designs that are in the

store," Peterson said. Peterson said K-State gets a 10 percent royalty on any sales Powercatphoto.com uses the university's marks, and then it also offers a revenue share back to the athletic department.

Peterson said Powercatphoto.com is also working with the K-State Alumni Association to establish a plan for the university to receive a percent of the revenue for all sales, regardless of whether or not K-State logos are used.

"Our offering is similar to other more sales competitors, like Snapfish or Shutterfly," Peterson said. "We offer the same traditional and seasonal template design that they have."

Despite Powercatphoto.com's ability to use K-State logos, it has a fair amount of competition. Shawn Sheu, photo editor of the Manhattan High School Mentor, said she uses Flickr. com for her more casual photography

"I mainly just use [Flickr] as a place to store my photos," Sheu said. "If someone wants to see my photos, it's kind of just a place where they can see some of my work."

Sheu said part of the attraction of Flickr is its social capacity.

"I like being able to see other people my age

producing amazing work," she said. "Also, just getting my stuff out there and getting feedback is nice."

Another option for photographers is Smug-Mug.com. Sarah Hill, senior in secondary education and head photographer at Sarah Jeanne Photography, said she uses SmugMug as a cost-effective way to share her work.

"I haven't been able to afford my own Web site. I have been able to afford [SmugMug], though," Hill said. "I give people that Web site and they can go there and look at every picture I've ever taken ... so they can see pretty much what they're getting."

Hill said she uses SmugMug to sell her prints as well. The Web site allows photographers to set their prices and determine their own profits. She said she sets her prices just high enough to fund her SmugMug site.

Online photo services also appeal to users outside of the photography industry. Bridget Howland, resource development director at Sunflower Court-Appointed Special Advocates Project Inc., said these services are a useful tool for her organization as well.

We really like to keep our volunteers up-todate about what's going on - just different inservice opportunities or special events we have going on," Howland said. "It's also fun to show them pictures of our different events."

Howland's organization uses Shutterfly. com's online storage service. She said a major factor in selecting the site was its ease of use.

We have a wide age range [of volunteers] and not everyone's as tech savvy as the college students," Howland said. "We haven't had [our Shutterfly site] up too long, but we've had

Monthly event teaches youths using animal-related books

Karen Ingram | COLLEGIAN

Sunset Zoological Park has partnered with Manhattan Public Library and Claflin Books and Copies to present Zoofari Tales, a monthly reading program for children.

Each month, an animal-themed book is read to children and they are taught more about the animals featured in the story. Afterward, a raffle drawing is held for one child to win a book from Claflin Books and Copies.

A punch card is also provided to each child to keep track of how many Zoofari Tales they attend. Each child who attends at least six events also gets a free book and can enter a drawing for a chance to win a free yearlong pass to the Sunset Zoo.

Jared Bixby, curator of education at the zoo, had participated in a similar program in Salina between the Salina Public Library and Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure. The success of this program led Bixby to create Zoofari Tales for the benefit of the Manhattan com-

"I have a desire to promote reading with my program," Bixby said. "This is one more way the zoo can give back to the community."

Bixby said that he tries to choose books with animals that also follow a theme of the season. The featured book at the first Zoofari Tales on Jan. 29 was "The Mitten" by Jan Brett, a story about animals who discover a lost mitten and climb inside to keep warm. Bixby said that 45 children attended the event, a number that far exceeded his expectations, and that he hoped as many or more children would come to the next event.

Jennifer Adams, children's services manager at Manhattan Public Library, said that she was pleased with the success of the first Zoofari Tales and that the library was considering using a projector to make the book more visible for the children at the next event. Adams said she looked forward to continuing the program with Sunset Zoo.

'They're a great partner to have come to the library," Adams said. "I talked to a few parents afterwards, and they were pretty excited."

Dan Hochman, book buyer for Claflin Books and Copies, was also pleased to hear about the success of the pro-

Hochman said Claflin Books and Copies donates a copy of the book featured at each Zoofari Tales for each raffle drawing. If the featured book is unavailable, Hochman said a book with the same animal would be chosen, instead, but so far that has not been an issue.

The next Zoofari Tales will be at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 in the Manhattan Public Library. The event is free and open to the public, and the book featured will be "Bear Snores On" by Karma Wilson. Questions may be directed to the library at 785-776-4741.

Student chooses career path despite racial challenges

Tiara Williams | COLLEGIAN

People often ask Abraham Alem if he is an athlete. When he responds that he is an engineering student, Alem said people are sur-

Alem, senior in electrical engineering, said it is normal in society to see African-American males playing sports or in the entertainment industry.

No one is mean or hates me because I am an engineer and a person of color, but I have noticed the perception is more of a taboo to see someone, a person of color, being an engineer," he said.

Alem chose engineering because he likes it. Growing up in Ethiopia, education is important in his family. Alem said when he told his mom he wanted to study engineering, it was something nor-

"It isn't a challenge to be an engineer because I am black, but it would be nice for people to use their common sense when I have a conversation with them," Alem

He wants people to notice how society only honors people of color only in the month of February or on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Alem wants his profession highlighted, not just his skin color.

ABE'S STORY

Born in Ethiopia, Alem has two younger brothers - one in high school, the other at K-State. He moved to Manhattan in the 1990s with his family. He decided to go to K-State and study what Wayne Valentine, his best friend since age 6, said was always in his heart.

From an early age, Alem was interested in music and the pro-



Abraham Alem, senior in electrical engineering, disassembles part of a power plant in his power lab where students attempt to synchronize generators Tuesday evening.

cess of audio and a piece of metal turned into electronics. He spoke of his father as a "big nerd" who, at a very early age, taught him

about computers. He did not understand all the workings and parts back then, but it sparked his interest. The flame has not gone out, he said.

"He is a very technical person. Because he is interested in that particular field, that reflects what person he is, doesn't matter what

race," Valentine said.
Alem's father, Peter Stanghellini, said his son is a good, wellrounded young man.

"He has a multicultural network of friends, from overseas to kids who live on the farm here," he said. "But the way Abe looks at it, his race doesn't even enter his

Being the older brother, he tries to point his younger siblings in the right direction, helping them with homework and being a role model. And in fact, Stanghellini said, they look up to him.

With younger kids, Alem is reminded of race and its importance because of its social implications. Being a minority matters in respect to the opportunities they will have in the future, which is why Abe tries to be an example for them.

"If I can do it, you can do it!" is what he is trying to show them. His father said Alem is also honest.

"Even if no one is watching, he is going to do the right thing, Stanghellini said.

PROGRESS

Alem did not go to college immediately after graduating high school. Instead he worked full time, and then started taking classes part time. Eventually, he was able to start paying tuition out of pocket. Alem received his first scholarship three years into his college career. He is a Tilford Dowd Scholar. He went from part-time student, full-time worker to full-time student, part-time

"I didn't have money for college," he said. "My mom is a very determined person. She thinks in terms of 'Let's be proactive.' I went to her wanting to go to college, and she found a way to help me pay for it."

Alem worked at Harry's as a cleaner, where he moved into being a contractor and cleaner, essentially being self-employed in the end. His mom kept him motivated whenever Alem felt like quitting.

"I get my succeed attitude and nature from my mom," Alem said.

Stanghellini agrees. He said Alem is very dedicated, studies very hard and takes pride in his studies. Math and all the upper level courses Alem has taken were not easy, but he is a very conscientious student and wants to do well with his grades.

"It has taken me six years. Finally, I am graduating in May," Alem said.

Outside of the classroom, Alem also keeps busy. He is chapter president of National Society of Black Engineering and chairman for Engineer the Dream. With Engineer the Dream, Alem goes to middle schools to promote the idea that, as a person of color you really can be whatever you want.

As a Tilford Dowd Scholar, he gives presentations on how to be confident in society.

And as a graduate come May, Alem said he hopes to find a job or continue with graduate school.

"I am extremely proud of him," Valentine said. "His circumstances weren't always the easiest circumstances, but he stuck through it, and he is getting it done."

Senate to consider Union budget increase

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

A bill providing an increase to the K-State Student Union's budget will make another appearance on the Senate floor at Student Senate tonight.

A vote on the bill was originally planned for Feb. 11, but new information caused some committee members to change their opinions on the bill, said Committee Chair Jessica Schultz, senior in political science.

"The bill went out of committee Feb. 1," Schultz said. 'I received new information after last week's meeting that didn't get shared with the committee."

The Privilege Fee Committee meets on Mondays, she said, and committee members did not learn of the information until Thursday's Senate meeting.

members Committee wanted time to discuss the new information in committee so the bill was referred back last Thursday.

In the bill, a 3-percent increase is given to the Union, Schultz said, which amounts to \$43,000.

Another bill will be intro-

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bill is an amendment to the Student Governing Association Statutes that concerns funding regulations.

Senator Annie Bachman, Senate treasurer and senior in marketing, said that the bill adds a line to the statutes that requires student groups to submit proof of membership when they request funding.

"We really didn't have a way to verify that before," Bachman said. "We want to make sure funding is going to groups that have actual students since the funding is from students."

The bill also clarifies a restriction that limits fine arts equipment funding to specific events or programs rather than for equipment that will be used continuously throughout the year,

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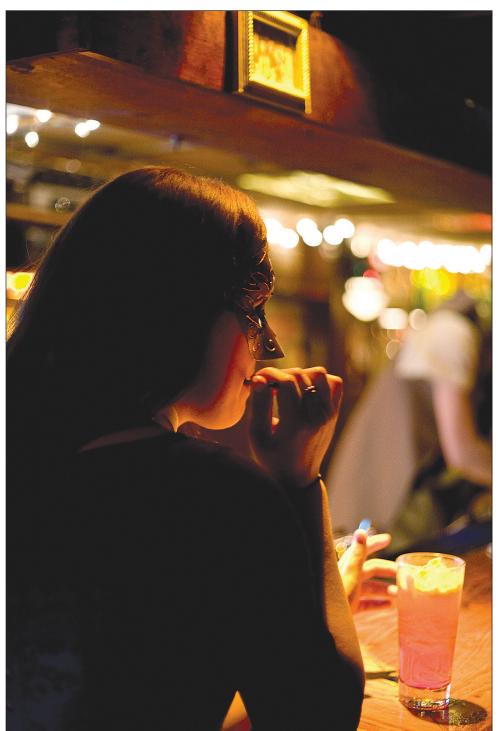
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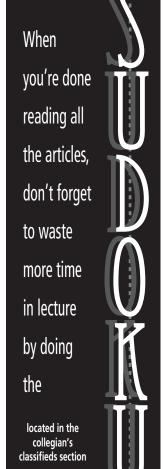
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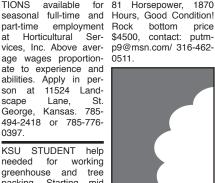
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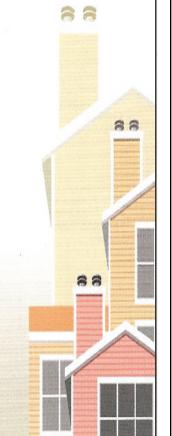
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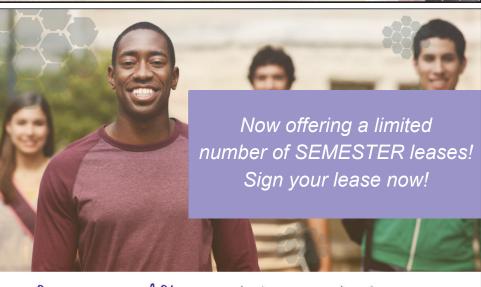
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